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Help Ease the Suffering of Downed Animals

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Due to the horrendous conditions on factory farms, many animals become too weak and sick to stand up or move under their own strength. These "downed" animals are shackled, hoisted, and dragged by the leg or neck or pushed by tractors and forklifts to the slaughterhouse. The helpless animals suffer broken bones, torn tendons, and lacerations from this inhumane handling. Studies reveal that most downed animals are fully conscious and suffer intensely during the process. All this, so that companies can make a few extra dollars.

In addition to posing an increased risk of bacterial contamination, there is evidence that some downed animals may be afflicted with a form of BSE (bovine spongiform encephalopathy or "mad cow disease"), a disease that has been linked to a fatal human illness (CJD or Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease).

- Please write to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in support of a petition filed by Farm Sanctuary that would prohibit the slaughter of downed animals. When you write to the FDA, include the docket number 98P-0151/CP1 to identify the petition. Contact:



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Kindly do the needful right away to save downed animals from slaughters. God will bless you all, for your kindness.

PL. LET ME HEAR FROM YOU.

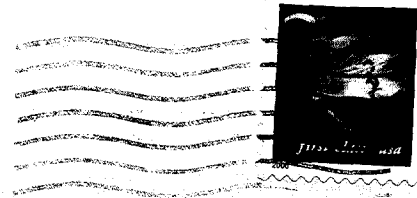
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